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Case No. 8465/17

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Nielsen et al. )  
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Serial No. ~~To Be Assigned~~ 10/017789 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
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For MEDICAL PUNCTURING DEVICE )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a continuing patent application of application number 09/115,340 filed July 14, 1998. Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the amendment below.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph immediately before the first line:

~~This application is a continuation of application number 09/115,340, filed July 14,~~

1998, pending, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please add the following new claims:

11. An infusion device comprising:

a housing;

a cavity within the housing;